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TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR ENCODING AND DECODING AUDIO AT A VARIABLE RATE

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
4. ☒ The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
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 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - ii. ☐ Paper Copy
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

Items 12 to 19 below concern other document(s) or information included:

12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449
 - ☐ Copies of Listed Documents
13. ☐ An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
 - ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☒ Application Data Sheet Under 37 CFR 1.76
18. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
19. ☒ Other items or information: Certification of a Translation; Abstract

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20. The following fees are submitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee.....\$300.00				Calculations \$300.00	PTO Use Only
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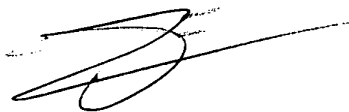
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I, Emmanuelle BEAUVAIS, of CABINET PLASSERAUD, 65/67, rue de la Victoire, 75440 PARIS CEDEX 09, FRANCE, do hereby declare that I am well acquainted with the French and English languages, and verify that the document attached is a true English language translation of the text of International Patent Application no. PCT/FR2003/003870.

Dated this 6th day of June 2005.

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2. Application Data Sheet (3 pgs)
3. English Translation of PCT Patent Application as published comprising: Title Page with Abstract (2 pgs); Specification (21 pgs); Claims (9 pgs); Three (3) Sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1-3; 3 pgs)
4. Preliminary Amendment (13 pgs)
5. Abstract (1 pg)
6. Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pgs)
7. Certification of a Translation (1 pg)
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